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- 20) [55685] FS QRP RIGS
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by GE1am30092@aol.com
- 23) [55688] Re: CONTEST: N0RC SS perf. (long)
by N7YA@aol.com
- 24) [55689] Test... do not read
by W9SUL <pugrad@millcomm.com>
- 25) [55690] Re: ARRL SS CW: K3NY question
by "Nick Yokanovich" <n0ny@toad.net>
- 26) [55691] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long
by martyw@tn.freei.net (Marty Watt)
- 27) [55692] Re: CONTEST: N0RC SS perf. Abysmal
by N7YA@aol.com
- 28) [55693] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long
by "Dave Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
- 29) [55694] Fred Hammond, VE3HC - SK
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by "David Hurley,n2zhy" <n2zhy@amsat.org>
- 31) [55696] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long
by Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@arrl.net>
- 32) [55697] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long
by "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
- 33) [55698] KC0AYG Fox Log for 11-10-99
by "Matthew Balvanz" <kc0ayg@hotmail.com>
- 34) [55699] Final revision of KC0AYG fox log 11-8-99
by "Matthew Balvanz" <kc0ayg@hotmail.com>
- 35) [55700] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long
by N7YA@aol.com
- 36) [55701] RE: Verne's Super Antenna
by Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>
- 37) [55702] SS Soapbox
by "Lawrence T. Owens" <w4dec@dibbs.net>
- 38) [55703] K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance
by "Bruce Prior" <n7rr@hotmail.com>
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by "Michael Bower - N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
- 41) [55706] Re: Useless SS Statistics
by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
- 42) [55707] Re: SS Soapbox
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- 43) [55708] N/T Fox: Talk about fun!

by Dan Presley <talljazz@teleport.com>
44) [55709] HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park
by Peter_Simpson@ne.3com.com
45) [55710] Re: 2 mWatts to a Mobile - 210,000 miles to the watt
by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
46) [55711] Re: XCVR: total power consumption
by "Christopher Cox" <cobox@urec.net>
47) [55712] FOX: MN Fox Tonight/Reminder!
by "Joel Kluender, NF9K" <nf9k@eudoramail.com>
48) [55713] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park
by Brian Short <bshort@speedchoice.com>
49) [55714] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park
by "KC1DI" <elbc@pivot.net>
50) [55715] Re: Fred Hammond, VE3HC - SK
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51) [55716] Re: N/T Fox: Talk about fun!
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
52) [55717] Re: [CQ-Contest] Useless SS Statistics
by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
53) [55718] N/T+ FOX: 2200 10 OCT 99 - 0000 11 OCT 99 UTC
by DNT1@daimlerchrysler.com
54) [55719] RE: SS Soapbox
by "NA6E" <mcherry@calweb.com>
55) [55720] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
56) [55721] [collectables] qrp => WWII versions?
by GE1am30092@aol.com
57) [55722] RE: ANT: Cheap Verticals
by "Greg Heath" <gheath1@nycap.rr.com>
58) [55723] Re: ARRL SS CW: K3NY question
by Joel Malman <malman@world.std.com>
59) [55724] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park
by Tony Fishpool <g4wif@btinternet.com>
60) [55725] Hustler Vertical
by "Norman A. Jackson" <nvj@megalink.net>
61) [55726] Simplest SS rig?
by Zack Lau <zlau@arrl.org>
62) [55727] F/S:
by Joiner Randy Civ WRALC/LYSBB <Randy.Joiner@robins.af.mil>
63) [55728] WestFLA Meeting and Picnic This Saturday, 13 November 1999
by "Stephen D. Cohen" <scohen@xps.xybion.com>
64) [55729] Re: What eats computer ribbon?
by D Bullard <dbullard@negia.net>
65) [55730] Epiphyte
by DL2FI@t-online.de (Peter Zenker)
66) [55731] RE: Epiphyte
by Dave Barrett <DBarrett@creo.com>
67) [55732] FS: Yaesu FT 757GXII + FP700 20amp PS

by "Jerry McCollom W0MC" <w0mc@hotmail.com>

68) [55733] Re: What eats computer ribbon?
by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>

69) [55734] Re: What eats computer ribbon?
by "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>

70) [55735] RE: What eats computer ribbon?
by DL2FI@t-online.de (Peter Zenker)

71) [55736] ANT:
by Robert P Engelman <rengelwb8uoj@juno.com>

72) [55737] Re: CONTEST: Almost a SWEEP --> Keyboards
by "Al Gritzmacher " <ae2t@arrl.net>

73) [55738] CONTEST: SS NOUR
by Jim NOUR <n0ur@yahoo.com>

74) [55739] Re: N/T+ FOX: 2200 10 OCT 99 - 0000 11 OCT 99 UTC
by "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>

75) [55740] ANT:Will this work?
by Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>

76) [55741] HB:VHF/UHF Regens
by mjfitz@uswest.net

77) [55742] PROJECTS?
by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com

78) [55743] Re: Hustler Vertical
by "George Edwards" <gedwards@onramp.net>

79) [55744] QRP-L Web Site?
by Larry East <w1hue@amsat.org>

80) [55745] HELP: argosy schematic
by James Skalski <jskalski@localnet.com>

81) [55746] Fox Rules
by Rick Tinsley <ad4sm@bbtel.com>

82) [55747] Re: QRP-L Web Site?
by "jmb" <jmb@cruzio.com>

83) [55748] Re: K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance
by Dennisskea@aol.com

84) [55749] A Core Question
by "Dennis Payton" <dpayton@fwi.com>

85) [55750] another virus...
by "Mark Paley" <mpaley@wcnet.org>

86) [55751] Re: another virus...
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>

87) [55752] Re: another virus...
by "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>

88) [55753] WTB: Norcal Paddle
by "Bill Johnson" <b1ljohn@msn.com>

89) [55754] Fox Rules Regained!
by Rick Tinsley <ad4sm@bbtel.com>

90) [55755] QRP in the Ghz region
by "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>

91) [55756] Re: [Elecraft] another virus...

by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:13:16 EST
From: GElam30092@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [55666] (Fox) Here puppy...here nice puppy.....
Message-ID: <0.18a38422.255a20ac@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm on ~7.140 +/- ...will adjust as the noise comes up.
Cheers,
Gerry, K1LR0/7
PHX AZ

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:34:55 EST
From: Ab5wx@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Cc: wcarc@chatham.org
Subject: [55667] ARRLSS CW: N5IW SQQRP report
Message-ID: <0.a5fac154.255a25bf@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Folks,

I put in about 9 hours total in the ARRL sweepstakes this last weekend. My final score was 233 qsos and 73 sections. I could have run up a much greater total had I applied more time to actually operating; but other duties called(two kids and xyl projects).

I was really happy using my new call(N5IW, old call was AB5WX) in its first contest appearance. My new call is short and sweet. I was pleased that I got answered almost immediately whenever I pounced on another station. My old call just took too long to send, even at 40 wpm. I seemed to work about 95% of the stations I called on the first call and only had a couple of instances where I was asked for repeats on any part of the exchange. I found it interesting that the other contest reports have noted that many of the repeats involved the check numbers. I also made the same notes. I guess that many of the long-in-the-tooth ops had a hard time believing that stations licensed in the 90s could work such an event. I kept my speed consistently in the 35 to 40 wpm range and I was only asked once to QRS.

Boy there are really some great CW ops out there!

I only worked a few other QRP stations; but I suspect that was because most of us Q's were in the search and pounce mode. Highlights of the event for me was working PR, AK, and PAC all QRP and all using my modest station of wire antennas and a vertical. I spent a lot of time on 10 and 15m, some fair amount of time on 20m and 40m, and worked an amazing number of stations on 80m late Saturday night.

I can state now for sure that I will definately participate in next years sweepstakes. It was great fun!

Thanks to all the ops on the reflector(and off) that I worked.

73 es 72, Dave, N5IW qrp-L 1718 (formerly AB5WX)

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 18:53:50 EST
From: kc8aon@juno.com
To: vera132@juno.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [55668] Re: ANT: cheap vertical ??
Message-ID: <19991109.203527.4479.2.kc8aon@juno.com>

On Mon, 8 Nov 1999 22:47:49 -0400 Michael W Addiego <vera132@juno.com> writes:

>Rich,

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>Explain the radials to me. Do I have to dig a hole and put them in the
>ground and what do you mean by a "tap" If I were to build an antenna
>like this I could put a whole bunch of radials for 180 degrees (not
>for 360)

As for the radials, if you are going to use the antenna on or close to the ground simply lay the wire radials on the ground (I have used both non-insulated and insulated wire for this and could not tell any difference). When laying them on the ground like this, it is a simple matter to take them up, roll them on a spool and take them with you when you go ! Heck, you may even want to try it without the radials, just take along a ground rod, drive it in the ground near the base of the antenna and connect the coax shield to it. I have done this also, I don't think it works as good as the radials but it worked ! The best way is to use the radials and the ground rod together ! When I take mine to the field, I take along a 36" length of 5/16" brazing rod that is sharpened at one end to use as a field expedient ground rod - if the ground is moist, it is a simple matter to just push it in the ground by

hand ! As for the position of the radials, just put them where you can and remember, they don't have to run in a straight line either. I have mine elevated about 20 feet off the ground with 4 - 40 meter radials (read that 33' long) spread out in 4 directions and tied to trees and I can work basically anyone I can hear !

Now for the "tap" the tap is simply the point on the coil that you connect the center of the coax to, and this is found by experimenting with different places on the coil until you find one that give the best match (lowest SWR). You could also just feed the thing with some 450 ohm ladderline and a tuner with a balanced output to make the match (just don't lay the ladderline directly on the ground - this detunes it !) This way, you don't have to go outside each time you change bands, you just simply readjust the tuner for the band of choice ! This make a very easy to use and efficient antenna system by the way ! That 450 ohm ladderline is very low loss at HF frequencies ! And this is very important at QRP power levels !

Nuf Said !

Hope this helps and thanks to all the nice comments about the post ! I'm glad everyone liked it.

72.....KC8AON

Rick McKee <><

Willow Wood, Ohio

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 19:19:45 EST
From: kc8aon@juno.com
To: cgreene@loa.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [55669] Re: KE6RIE Straight Key
Message-ID: <19991109.203528.4479.5.kc8aon@juno.com>

You can also try: Paddlette Co. P.O. Box 6036 Edmonds, WA 98026
e-mail: bham379627@aol.com
and: home.att.net/~goodroe/paddlette
For some very nice mini - paddles & paddle/keyer combo's !

72.....kc8aon

Rick McKee <><

Willow Wood, Ohio

On Tue, 09 Nov 1999 06:55:11 -0500 Charles Greene <cgreene@loa.com>
writes:

>At 09:00 PM 11/8/99 -0800, Doug Hauff wrote:
>>Yow! A pile of inquiries! Here it is:
>
>Sounds great, but I am looking for a keyer paddle
>suitable for portable operation. Have any? Know of any?
>The ones I have seem to weigh as much as my K2 :-)
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>Try PSK31. Check: <http://aintel.bi.ehu.es/psk31.html>
> and May 99 QST. K2 S/N 462.
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>Chas, W1CG
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>Rhode Island TCPIP Address Coordinator
>w1cgc@arrl.net
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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:27:53 EST
From: kc8aon@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [55670] Antenna: The KC8A0N Tactical Delta Loop
Message-ID: <19991109.203528.4479.6.kc8aon@juno.com>

Thought I would share another of my favorite antennas with you folks after all the comments about the last one ! This one makes a very good antenna for field day, fixed station or any where you need a multiband antenna that works and you don't have a lot of room ! I came up with this idea when I first got into QRP operation and wanted something that would be a little directional. My property is a long narrow lot - 108' x 260' with power lines running down the front and parallel to the long side, so my 40 meter double extended zepp is on the back of my lot away from the power lines and broadside to the north and south, which is the

directions it favors most. What I needed was an antenna that gave me some east/west radiation, and I did not have enough room to put up much more than a 20 meter dipole facing that direction. I wanted something that would give me multiband operation since I was using a Heathkit HW-8 which had 80 meters on it and I didn't want to exclude that band. Then one day, I was thinking about the famous G5RV type of antenna and the fact that it would give me the bands I needed, but I just didn't have enough room to put one up. Then I thought, " why couldn't I fold it up some way to make it fit in a smaller space?" First I thought about a square configuration, but then decided that I didn't want to fool with more than a couple of support lines - AND THEN IT HIT ME ! What about a triangle ? I took the G5RV that I had already made, and folded it into a triangle with 3 equal sides - 34 feet on each side. I took the 2 end insulators and simply tied them together - I did NOT connect the ends of the wire together - just tied the insulators to each other. Actually, you could just use one insulator here ! This is what I later did, since I had to untie them and install 2 extra insulators to support the 2 top corners of the triangle. I put these exactly 34 feet from the center insulator on each side and then retied the ends together, leaving the ends of the wires separated by the one end insulator that was left. Then I hung the KC8AON Tactical Delta Loop as I call it between 2 - 60' plus pine trees that are spaced about 45' apart. I now had a triangular antenna that is flat at the top, 34' across with the 2 sides hanging vertically coming down to a point where the 450 ohm ladderline connects. I also tied a support line to this bottom point and tied it to a tent stake driven in the ground to keep the loop from swinging around in the wind. With this antenna and the use of a tuner I have been able to work all bands 10 thru 80 meters, And I must say that it is directional broadside to the loop. The nice thing about it is that it only takes up the same amount of horizontal space as a 20 meter half wave dipole ! My feedpoint was about 25' off the ground, but I have used one with the feedpoint as low as 6' off the ground with good results ! If you have a G5RV just lying around, fold it up ! but don't put it away, cause it'll work like gang busters for you ! See ya'll on the low bands !

72.....KC8AON
Rick McKee <><
Willow Wood, Ohio

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:54:13 EST
From: NB6M@aol.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [55671] Re: rechargeable alkalines, charging from 12 Volts
Message-ID: <0.aa6297f2.255a2a45@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Check back issues of the ARRL Hand book, say around 1983 or so. There was a very nice circuit for charging battery packs for handhelds from 12 Volt sources, that used parts readily available from Radio Shack. It used a power multivibrator circuit to change 12 Volts DC to a higher level of AC, which was then rectified to give a charging voltage of 18 VDC or so (less under charging load).

I built one of these chargers, and have been using one of these chargers to charge the batteries of my handheld radios aboard my sailboat, from 12 Volts, for the last ten years or more. Works very well.

Wayne, NB6M

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 23:48:39 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com>
To: ccart@phideaux.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [55672] Re: Sweepstakes
Message-ID: <19991110.015449.20862.1.wd3p@juno.com>

On Tue, 9 Nov 1999 15:48:43 -0500 (EST) Chris Cartwright Sr <ccart@phideaux.com> writes:
>On Mon, 8 Nov 1999, Larry Cahoon wrote:
>
>> Final score 415 QSOs, 68 sections, 56,440 points.
>
>Phooooey! There goes my top of the pile Q class listing for MD in QST
>:)

Don't feel bad - I had 120 more Qs last year and still did not make the top of the MD QRP list. I don't expect to this year later. K3WWP I know has me beat for 3 land - he has his score posted at this web site.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:57:18 -0800
From: John Payne <paynej1@strato.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [55673] re:Quicksilver Printing
Message-ID: <SAK.1999.11.09.hhohlasq@computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: Text/Plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8Bit

Thanks Brien. I stand corrected!

72/3 John N4FLJ

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 21:06:41 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@talon.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55674] WB3AAL Nov. SS
Message-ID: <017e01bf2b20\$3c0a0260\$1de508cf@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I wish I had more time to play in the contest.

Score	QSO's	Sections	Power Out	Hours of Op.
12,190	115	53	5 watts	5

Thanks for the Q if I worked you.

72 & 73
Good DXing

Ron Polityka
de WB3AAL
wb3aal@talon.net

vvv Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Web Page vvv
http://www.kpsnet.com/wb3aal/Start_Page.htm
Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Call --> N3EPA

EPA QRP #1 NJ QRP #179
KL7 QRP # 309 G-QRP # 3031
ARCI QRP # 5318 10 - X #13173
NorCal Zombie #625
ARS # 380 HI-QRP #153
VA QRP Society

SETI @ Home Project
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu>

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 21:19:48 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <NB6M@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55675] Re: rechargeable alkalines, charging from 12 Volts
Message-ID: <005401bf2b23\$db79b720\$d459fea9@dads-hp>
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
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That was an excellent circuit for charging NiCads, but it really doesn't do much. Like you said, it was just an osc/doubler to boost the 12V from a car type input up to where a series current limiting resistor would work.

But it's really only good for just that. Giving you essentially a low current source.

Now, if you need a real oomph, then a full bore switcher could easily be built... Well, not easily, but then again not that hard.

Although, if you have an application where a higher voltage dropped through a limiting resistor will fit the bill, then by all means, this circuit is excellent, if the limited current is ok.

Mike Yetsko
N1DVJ

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>Wayne, NB6M

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 21:34:33 -0500
From: "Nick Yokanovich" <n0ny@toad.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55676] ARRL SS CW: K3NY question
Message-ID: <00c901bf2b24\$209de920\$8e7296d1@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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I had other obligations during the SS weekend which took me away from home. So I got in a few Q's operating mobile with precedence A 100 watts. I got home with three hours left and operated Q. I was also asked for repeats on my serial about half the time, probably because they were so low, and on my check number 97 probably for the opposite reason. So, is a mixed log, A and Q, an acceptable entry? I only made 55 Qs in my total time of 6 hrs, but there were 44 sections in there, including an NL while mobile. Around 0100Z a pipeline opened up between MD and 6-land on 20m and I got all sections except SDG and SF in about 30 minutes. Working SS mobile is a trip, especially if there is no one to log for you! But being at 1600 feet in western Maryland helped.
Nick, K3NY, Arnold, MD FM19

Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 02:43:40 GMT
From: martyw@tn.freei.net (Marty Watt)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55677] Re: CONTEST: N0RC SS perf. Abysmal
Message-ID: <382cd81d.148942304@mail.tn.freei.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Mon, 8 Nov 1999 22:05:44 -0700, "Rod Cerkoney" <rlwc@frii.com> wrote:

>After the first hour or so I thought this is not fun, and was ready to

>throw in the towel! But I said I would do it and I stuck it out for
>14 miserable hours. It was very embarrassing to return a NR in the low
>double digits, 10, 20...etc, to a station send a count in the
>hundreds. Late Sun one station sent me a count of over 1200 I sent
>back 100 maybe 110.

Welcome to the "Q" class in the Sweeps. The exchange is the most =
difficult of
any contest, which makes completing the QSO more difficult.

I played a little in the contest, but prefer the shorter contests by far =
...
NAQP (twice a year) is my favorite, and as it is pretty much domestic =
only, is
very QRP friendly.

I'm working on my CW speed, to get up to the 35 wpm level by next year's
sweeps. I'm only around 18-20 at the moment. I really enjoy contesting,
though. It is invigorating to have so many diverse contacts in such a =
short
period. I was not impressed with my 12 contacts. I was impressed that I
worked coast to coast on 40m within a 10 minute span (VA and SCV/CA). I =
also
enjoy seeing the results later and finding out after the contests about
different stations. I'm continually amazed at the operators with less =
than
optimal antennas, rigs, etc. that are competitive because they know how =
to
operate what they have, and know how to sail the propogation!

CW (to me) in general, and QRP in particular, is like sailing. Sometimes=
you
want a leisurely run around the harbor. Sometimes you want to see if you=
can
compete with the America's Cup yachts. Both have their place (IMHO).

My problem with contests is that I have obligations at church, and they =
take
priority over the contest. Which is why I'll never be competitive. But =
I
don't look at it as much as an opportunity to "beat" someone/something, =
but
the chance to operate my station, in a very active manner, for hours on =
end.
I do a much higher transmit percentage during a contest.

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Marty, N5NW

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Memphis, Tennessee =
<http://marty.w.tripod.com/>

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 21:44:39 EST
From: GElam30092@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [55678] [foxhunt] fun stuff!!!!
Message-ID: <0.b66be8e8.255a3617@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wow. Great time tonight. I wasn't that busy but I also wasn't as nervous either. That's an improvement for me.

Logs to follow..... 15 minutes to go.

Thanks!
Gerry, K1LR0/7
PHX AZ

Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:52:28 -0600
From: "Nick Kennedy" <nkennedy@cswnet.com>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55679] SS Soapbox
Message-ID: <005701bf2b26\$a126f620\$0e7054d8@the-great-c>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRP SS Soapbox--

This was a great SS weekend to try my first QRP entry. Band conditions were great. 10 and 15 were jumping and 80 and 40 were quiet enough for QRP to get through. And 20 was 20.

I took a fairly relaxed approach and worked about 10 or 12 hours. Made 312 QSOs and 46,000 points. Decided to focus just on states rather than sections. I got 46, missing AL, MS, WY and UT. Are we gonna have to send an SSpedition to the Heart of Dixie and maybe slap a few cowboys into SS awareness?

Didn't work a large proportion of QRP stations, but I figured most of us were S&P, so the chance of working each other was slight. Many QRPers had booming signals and big numbers. Way to go!

I could work 90% of the stations I went after and very few required fills.

Like Chuck, I noticed that speeds were down, including my own. That was partly a conscious decision; I figured QRP would be easier to copy at a moderate pace. I ran 20 to 27 WPM.

I used the FT-1000 cranked down to 5W. I used only one antenna--my 180 foot cf Zepp with Matchbox for 80 through 10. And TR-Log. Can't say enough good things about it.

72,

Nick, WA5BDU

001Q 62 Arkansas

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:05:49 EST
From: Dennisskea@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [55680] quicksilver printing
Message-ID: <0.8d1e0072.255a3b0d@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

To All,

Only used them once, but the book arrived in less than two weeks.

Usual disclaimer...no connection etc.

73 Dennis Skea kc2ccz

Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 22:06:17 -0500
From: Bob Edwards <w4ed@gis.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [55681] QRP SS Summary W4ED
Message-ID: <3828E129.80206410@gis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yah, the log was sent in...

This was my first ARRL CW SS. I enjoyed going after the ARRL sections, and like a few other QRP-L'ers,,, maxed out at 74.

I did S&P mostly, cause never could get an answer to a CQ.

The only negatives were the "out of control pile-ups" for WY and VI. It got so bad, they totally covered up the rare OP with a continuous screaming stream of CW. Not CW at its best..

Positives: out scored K0FRP for the first time.
Worked 1 PAC, 2 PR, 3 AK, but only 1 GA !!

Never did hear ND or NLI. And my low QSO count is responsible for missing NLI. Sections not worked: NLI VI WY ND QC
Short of QRP-K2-WAS-in-24-hrs by ND and WY.

Worked "Q" OPS :
AA1CA AD0A AF5Z K1TR K90M KG5U KK6MC/5 KK7A N4ROA
N7IR N8NA W0AH W3PA W6JTI W6TKV WB5QVN WBOGA

Sorry I didn't hook up with KU7Y, KI0II, N5IB & all the QRP-L SS ops.

Rig: Elecraft K2 at 5 watts
Antennas: 80m loop, 15m vert dipole, 40m attic dipole

QSOs by band:
10m 15
15m 97 (last minute 15m vertical dipole was a winner)
20m 59
40m 42
80m 26

Claimed Score	QSO's	Sections	Power Output	Hrs of Op
35,372	239	74	5 W	~15 hours

Also want to thank Scott Davis, N3FJP for writing then giving away his windows based SS logging program, and to Bob Helms, AF5Z for alerting QRP-L to this gem. Thanks to Elecraft for the K2.

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Bob 72/73
email, w4ed@amsat.org
<http://www.qsl.net/w4ed>
near Atlanta, GA EM73wt

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 22:07:33 -0500  
From: Bob Edwards <w4ed@gis.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55682] Re: Useless SS Statistics  
Message-ID: <3828E175.9094F916@gis.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bob Patten, N4BP wrote:

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> Just for fun, I went through last year's and this year's logs counting QRP
> stations worked. The results:
> 1998    Total QSO's: 1360      Prec Q: 158      11.6% with Prec Q
> 1999    Total QSO's: 1228      Prec Q: 170      13.8% with Prec Q
>...

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And an even higher % next year when N4BP drops down to "Q",,,, :)  
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Bob 72/73  
email, w4ed@amsat.org  
<http://www.qsl.net/w4ed>  
near Atlanta, GA EM73wt

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 03:09:58 GMT
From: martyw@tn.freei.net (Marty Watt)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [55683] Re: ARRL SS CW: K3NY question
Message-ID: <382fe103.151220079@mail.tn.freei.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Tue, 9 Nov 1999 21:34:33 -0500, "Nick Yokanovich" <n0ny@toad.net> =
wrote:

>I had other obligations during the SS weekend which took me away from
>home. So I got in a few Q's operating mobile with precedence A 100 =
watts.
>I got home with three hours left and operated Q. I was also asked for
>repeats on my serial about half the time, probably because they were=20
>so low, and on my check number 97 probably for the opposite reason.
>So, is a mixed log, A and Q, an acceptable entry? =20

It's been discussed in contest circles -- you should enter as an "A" =
class.
Probably should have left the precedence at "A" even operating QRP -- the
precedence is related to entry class, rather than current power level.
Similar issues if you start with an amp at a gallon and a half and blow =
the
final.

More difficult is how to handle starting at Q and moving up! Not =
recommended,
from a logistical point of view. Actually, the prevailing opinion of the
contest club to which I belong is that starting Q and moving to A, or =
starting
at A and moving to B, means your log cannot be entered, and must only be =
a
checklog.

Dunno if checklogs still qualify for a pin or clean sweep mug ... :)

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Marty, N5NW

Memphis, Tennessee

<http://marty.w.tripod.com/>

Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 22:14:08 -0500
From: Bob Edwards <w4ed@gis.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [55684] Re: SS Soapbox
Message-ID: <3828E300.2345582@gis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Nick Kennedy, WA5BDU wrote:

>.... I got 46, missing AL, MS, WY and UT. Are we gonna have to send an
> SSpedition to the Heart of Dixie and maybe slap a few cowboys into SS
> awareness?

You handle the cowboys, point a good antler at Dixie, and send me to VI
for the next CW SS. Either St. John or St. Croix would be fine..

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:17:13 EST  
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, nwq-1@scn.org  
Subject: [55685] FS QRP RIGS  
Message-ID: <0.c4562c2.255a3db9@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WANTED: Good home for QRP rigs. Ten Tec 1340 and EMTECH NW40 (with filter).  
TT1340 is original condition. Previous owner had TT do alignment on rig.  
EMTECH NW40 had two mods to back panel. The pwr is either RCA or binder posts  
plus a 1/4 in plug jack for headphones/ext speaker and RCA for KEY. Regular  
small phone jack on front for headphones also per original. NW40 case is  
EMTECH.

Both 9+ and work very well. The TT-1340 is almost 5W out and the NW40 is 5+  
out. NW40 has very very good receiver. Manuals included.

Will ship CONUS \$99 (each). ALAN KB7MBI

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 19:26:40 -0800 (PST)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55686] CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9911091836110.2687-100000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

Once again there are a few who just can't understand some of the things going on in a contest.

I take exception to the follow:

> Ops with a high estrogen level are ok in contests but I prefer more  
> friendly ops who have less than 1k QSOs in the last hour and remember  
> your name.

There is NO connection between contesting and rag chewing. Many of us do both. Many of us can remember names. Many of us love rag chewing. Many of us are friendly ops.

Just because many of us also like to contest now and then doesn't change our estrogen level nor does it mean that we are lessor ops!

Some of us enjoy the challenge of improving our skills at this thing called operating! If wanting to improve our skills means that we have too much estrogen then much of the world is in serious trouble!

It's fun to rag chew at an easy speed with nice QRM free signals. And you can do that forever. (And NEVER improve your skills). If that's what some want to do, that's fine. No one is throwing rocks their direction. It's their choice. I don't consider them any better or any worse than anyone else in the hobby.

But contesting, for whatever reason anyone has, is another choice and is just a valid.

> I refuse to use a computer to do my sending

I used to do this too but I wanted to do a better job in the contests and so I learned how to use a computer.

If anyone thinks it's easy, just ask some of the people who had "arguments" with their computers during a contest! It's just another tool that you have to learn how to use or it will hurt you more than it will help!

While it's sending your exchange, without errors, you can listen in the other ear to the second radio to see if you

can find that last section you need for a sweep.

> My hat's off to Bill and the rest of you who are "purists".

QRP = 5 watts. That a pure 5 watts!

What you do with your pure 5 watts is your busniess. Pure 5 watts into a dummy load or a stack of yagi's. Sending with your left foot or a computer. Who cares? Pure is pure!

> and it's a bit sad that I'll need a computer to decipher a  
> good portion of the testers out there, due to their penchant  
> for using a keyboard to operate

I suggest that you get someone that you know and that does some contesting to show you just how the computer is used. Like someone else said, they do NOT read the CW!

Let me give you some of the reasons for using a computer in a contest....

Contest logs get checked. Every exchange is checked to be sure there are no errors. If you miss so much as a single dit you lose that contact.

If you work the same station again when you shouldn't you get penalties. (This might be going away now because dupes are so easy to remove with computer logging).

In the SS contest that was just this past weekend the exchange was:

[YOURCALL] Serial Number Class (Q) [MYCALL] Check (52) SPC (NV)

Lets say you are in a world class station and are a world class operator. You will send the above about 1400 times in 24 hours.

Don't forget that you also have to copy that from the other station too!

Now if you are sending by hand, how well would you do? And if you send just ONE little dit wrong, you have just cost the other station that contact! Can you send that exchange over 1K times in 24 hours? Without error?

I asked one station, who was using a bug, what his call was. He

sent it three times. Each time it came out differently! And he didn't stick around to make sure I got it OK. So I had two choices:

- 1) Log it and hope I picked the right call.
- 2) Erase it and let him loose the contact.

I chose #2 EVERY time.

So if you really mean that you will never use a computer to play radio with.....you will never use a nice radio like a K2 or a keyer like a TiC or anything else that has one of those nasty little critters in it.

I heard the same arguments back when keyers first came out. They were not "fair" or they were cheating. Then came memory keyers and even more crying about not being fair. Ditto keyboards and computers.

But it's all nothing more than the progress of technology. We either learn to use it or we stagnate!

I learned years ago from Zig Ziggler (Wow, does that date me or what?) that you only have three states.....you either move forward, backward or you stagnate. I heard that about 40 years ago and still believe it! :-)

Contesting and learning the new tools to do it better is just part of not doing the last two! :-)

Thanks for "listing"!

Back to my hole.....

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....  
....ku7y@dri.edu....Washoe Lake, Nevada....NRA LIFE....

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:28:25 EST  
From: GElam30092@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Cc: 70511.3041@compuserve.com  
Subject: [55687] {Fox} log for tonight  
Message-ID: <0.83f6cbbc.255a4059@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

| time | call  | rst<br>out | in   | name   | state | comments                                        |
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| 0101 | W7ILW | 599        | 599  | Howard | AZ    | 2nd time... thanks<br>Howard!                   |
| 0138 | AA6R  | 599        | 599? | Gary   | CA    | 2 watts!                                        |
| 0148 | WE6W  | 599        | 229? | Ed     | CA    | thanks Ed! 2nd time!                            |
| 0204 | NQ7X  | 599        | 579  | Floyd  | AZ    | 2nd time for Floyd<br>too!                      |
| 0215 | AB7MY | 599        | 589  | Gary   | AZ    | 2nd time for Gary,<br>thanks!                   |
| 0228 | KI0II | 599        | 549  | Ron    | CO    | From Littleton CO, road a<br>train once there . |

AND..... heard WS4S but we couldn't complete the contact after moving to a quieter area of the band. Conrad is from TN and I would have liked to complete the contact but it just didn't happen. I started sending my report and BOOM.... someone starting cranking in on me. WS4S would have been a 539 which is what I sent before the ambush began. :-)

You guys can be the judge. I doubt my sending wasn't much better than before but, I've got to say that I wasn't nearly as nervous. Mistakes tonight were just that.... goofs. But nervousness didn't cause them. Last week it was, "Oh My GOD... someone is responding." Tonight it was much better!

Thanks to all for your patience! A lot of you guys were repeats and I appreciate it very much. Thursday night, I had planned on the same time. I was reminded by my daughter that I have a prior commitment so I'll have to cancel.

Best wishes!  
Gerry, K1LR0/7  
PHX AZ

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:37:15 EST  
From: N7YA@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55688] Re: CONTEST: N0RC SS perf. (long)  
Message-ID: <0.e8bf50c7.255a426b@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0



Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
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In a message dated 11/9/99 7:23:23 AM Pacific Standard Time,  
ekdave@earthlink.net writes:

<< O: I did poorly.

>C: I have to decide if this high intensity contesting is for me, it's  
>going to take a lot of work to get good at it. >>

How can you make an assessment of your skills after just one large scale  
contest? You want to hear something? you want to talk dismal...hang on, i  
have my old logs right here...lets see....ok, here we go:

I rcvd my first ticket in 1983 and my very first experience was being an op  
at KL7CQ...first contact was Jim, VK9NS...that was it, i contributed nothing  
more.

Then i did a few guest op spots with some friends but never placed. Then  
after that i thought i would try it for myself....IARU Radiosport 1984...5  
Q's!! ok great, but still fun...next it was the FOC test, im not a member so  
i didnt enter but i jumped in anyway...3 Q's!! ok onward we find...WAE CW  
1984...16 Q'!!! after that it was the AA CW 84...19 Q's and my vertical fell  
over during the test! hmmm, what else?...oh yes...SAC 84...2 Q's! hey!  
heres my first SS results in 84...6 Q's!!

I never entered any of those above mentioned contests, i just did them for  
fun...but the first solo effort i DID enter (the only one i ever enter) was  
the CQWW test in 1984...only 40 Q's, and i had a 70' delta loop AND was in  
KL7...i figured i would have done better than that...nope.

Since then i havent even broken 200 Q's...but i tell you what! something  
keeps me coming back, i dont know what it is...i look forward to contest time  
ALL year long!! and WW is a few weeks away!! I am getting jazzed!!

The key element here is the fact that i know i wont get fired from my job  
for a less than world class score, women wont run repulsed by a low Q  
count...they would run just from me being a ham operator first, trust me! I  
do it because it is fun. if i would have let it get to me i would have  
handed in my ticket based on my SAC 84 score, LOL!!

So after my whole 'pro-contest' tirade...my point is this...all that  
matters is the fact that your call was out there...i even heard it and gave  
you a call but you didnt hear me...how dismal is MY signal? you were  
representing the Q class!! and you had the guts to jump right into a high  
level, fast paced and crowded contest loaded with all the big gun  
stations...I have respect for you based on that alone.

Ill tell you the reason i contest is because its a lot of fun regardless of  
my final score...well, ok...that and im a DXer first and i use them to snag  
new countries...but i still enjoy the battle, its exhilarating!!

Now suck it up and prepare yourself for some new countries, check your  
skyborn metal, your rig and your key, prepare to jump and Ill see you in  
CQWW!!

p.s. ....nobody could care less about when you were  
licensed, were just happy that you are....i expect to hear your eager signal  
in the Worldwide, soldier!!

73...Adam, N7YA  
QRP-L #1608 Las Vegas, NV  
Low Power DXer  
Extra the old fashioned way

(p.p.s. dig new tagline...eh?? huh? huh?)

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 21:44:30 -0600  
From: W9SUL <pugrad@millcomm.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55689] Test... do not read  
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19991110034430.00700490@pop3.rconnect.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

testing new e-mail interface to listserv

72 / 73 Dave - W9SUL/QRP Rochester, MN  
Home of the Mayo Clinic

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:44:27 -0500  
From: "Nick Yokanovich" <n0ny@toad.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55690] Re: ARRL SS CW: K3NY question  
Message-ID: <017801bf2b2d\$e4ab0880\$8e7296d1@default>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tnx, Marty. Sounds reasonable to me. I wasn't really thinking about  
a mug ;-), I just enjoyed the time I had. Some of the ops out there  
just leave me breathless, in awe! The analogy to sailing you made  
was right on the button! I have used sailing to explain my fondness  
for CW to people, saying that if you want to get somewhere fast or  
carry a big load, you can use a speedboat or a freighter. If you want  
to enjoy the trip, go sailing. If you want to move data fast, use a  
computer and a modem, but if you want to enjoy the exchange itself,  
use CW.

Nick K3NY Arnold, MD FM19

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 03:46:29 GMT  
From: martyw@tn.freei.net (Marty Watt)  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55691] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <3830e96a.153371502@mail.tn.freei.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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>had "arguments" with their computers during a contest! It's  
>just another tool that you have to learn how to use or it  
>will hurt you more than it will help!

:)

Since I had a brain meltdown, I'm sure W6UW will never work me again ... =  
and I  
don't blame him! I absolutely lost control of the software and couldn't =  
get  
an exchange sent properly. Period.

Oddly enough, I got into contesting through my emergency net work. The =  
most  
effective, efficient operators were testers. I figured there must be  
something to it. And there is ... like an excellent dispatcher, they can  
really listen to what is being sent, regardless of the situation on the =  
other  
end.

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Marty, N5NW

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Memphis, Tennessee =  
<http://marty.w.tripod.com/>  
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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 22:48:54 EST  
From: N7YA@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55692] Re: CONTEST: N0RC SS perf. Abysmal  
Message-ID: <0.871a304d.255a4526@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 11/9/99 6:45:40 PM Pacific Standard Time,  
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>double digits, 10, 20...etc, to a station send a count in the  
>hundreds. Late Sun one station sent me a count of over 1200 I sent  
>back 100 maybe 110. >>

Oh...i forgot to comment on this, NR was the most abundant repeat i had to  
fulfill....100? 110? you got me beat...i finished with 74 Q's!! but i got 7  
new states on 15 and 3 new states on 10...mission accomplished!  
remember...ill be looking for you in the next contest!!!

73...Adam, N7YA  
QRP-L #1608 Las Vegas, NV  
Low Power DXer  
Extra the old fashioned way

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 04:28:15 -0000  
From: "Dave Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55693] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <001b01bf2b34\$04c55c00\$c1ac85ce@ekdave>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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>I heard the same arguments back when keyers first came out. They  
>were not "fair" or they were cheating. Then came memory keyers and  
>even more crying about not being fair. Ditto keyboards and  
>computers.  
>  
>But it's all nothing more than the progress of technology. We  
>either learn to use it or we stagnate!

Well said, Ron!

I gotta throw one more thought in--innovation and advancing the state of the art is what ham radio is all about! I've got nothing against those who like to keep tradition--it's a hobby, after all, and everyone's entitled to their own opinion. But to be critical of technological advances or finding more efficient ways of doing things isn't in keeping with the spirit of this hobby.

And one more thing--using a computer for sending doesn't eliminate the need for good operating skills. Okay, maybe you're not keying by hand, but you're the one controlling what gets sent, and when it gets sent. No computer is going to take over the finer points of operator skill--it just keys the keyline. The op's gotta know when to call, and when to shut up and listen. He's gotta know what to send and be able to respond to requests for fills, or other unexpected events. Optimal use of a computer in these situations requires careful planning and practice, and if you do it right, it pays off in better contest operating. And by operating I don't just mean keying--a good operator is a good operator because of his noggin, not his fingers.

So let's all strive to be better ops, with whatever tools we choose to use.

73,

Dave AB0GO

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 18:07:11 -0500  
From: VE3JC - John C <jbcumming@wwdc.com>  
To: QRP-CANADA <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55694] Fred Hammond, VE3HC - SK  
Message-ID: <3828A91F.9F277612@wwdc.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I was saddened to hear that Fred Hammond VE3HC has passed away. I'm sure there isn't a "homebrew" ham on either side of the border who hasn't encountered a Hammond transformer, component, or enclosure in their building projects.

Anyone who has seen one of Fred's QRO amplifiers or has heard his signal on the air might not think of him as affiliated with the QRP fraternity/sorority. But Fred meant a lot to this humble QRP builder.

Every June, Fred would drag a truckload of enclosures, power supplies, etc. from his plant to the Central Ontario Fleamarket. I would always

head straight to his table and grab a bunch of his project boxes. My shack is full of projects (some completed, some still in the "dream" stage) build in "Fred's little boxes". In the current issue of the ARS Sojourner, you can see a DSW-40 built in a diecast aluminum enclosure I picked up from Fred several years ago. I tried to give him "a couple of bucks" for it, but he said it was the only one he had so he could only charge me 50 cents to get rid of it. In his usual gentlemanly style, he had a twinkle in his eye and knew that I would create something special with the box.

You were a true friend of ham radio, Fred. I'll miss you.

-JC

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 04:37:39 +0000  
From: "David Hurley,n2zhy" <n2zhy@amsat.org>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55695] Ant:  
Message-ID: <3828F693.F918D990@amsat.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ok, I'm going crazy.

What is Vern's,w6mma, new Super Antenna?

David,n2zhy  
Princeton,NJ

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 23:42:36 -0500  
From: Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@arrl.net>  
To: ku7y@dri.edu  
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55696] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <4.1.19991109224530.00cc6320@192.0.0.1>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

It has been written by Ron and others :

>> Ops with a high estrogen level are ok in contests but I prefer more  
>> friendly ops who have less than 1k QSOs in the last hour and remember  
>> your name.

I sluffed off in SS. 435 Q's and 77 mults. Wanted 500 and 79!  
However I was impressed how many said "hi duck" (my name in the NA Sprints)  
or "hi hank" (my name on week days). And how many times I either hit ALT-K, or grabbed the paddle to call someone by name. Now that's friendly when you are in the middle of a run to call someone by name.

>Just because many of us also like to contest now and then doesn't  
>change our estrogen level nor does it mean that we are lessor ops!

I'm not sure what estrogen has to do with contesting....Adrenalin, maybe, a "natural high", but not estrogen or testosterone.

>> I refuse to use a computer to do my sending

A long time ago I used a straight key  
A long time ago I refused to use a bug - too automatic  
A long time ago I refused to use a keyer - too automatic  
A long time ago I refused to use an iambic keyer - too automatic  
A long time ago I refused to use a memory keyer - too automatic  
A long time ago I refused to use a fancy Kansas City keyer - too automatic  
A long time ago I refused to use a computer - too automatic

>> and it's a bit sad that I'll need a computer to decipher a  
>> good portion of the testers out there, due to their penchant  
>> for using a keyboard to operate

Hmmmm.....A computer, like a memory keyer, sends perfect code. Which would you rather copy - perfect code or, as Ron said:  
>I asked one station, who was using a bug, what his call was. He  
>sent it three times. Each time it came out differently!

There was the comment about "brain meltdown". I heard that happen in SS. 90 seconds for one station to send their exchange. That person had to be sweating bullets! But I bet that person is going to be better next year.

Why this fixation with speed? I get the impression that it is almost "dirty" to be able to use those high speeds.

Geez, I look up to the hams that operate around 7030 with their keyboards. Sometimes they start out at around 30 or 35 wpm or so and start bumping the speed up. All of a sudden it turns to noise for me, just like 13 wpm did in 1958, but I'm working on it.

Some of us operate at 10 wpm and some of us prefer 30 wpm. I caught Matt, the Fox, tonight at 10 wpm. And that was neat!

You know - your mileage may vary, your speed may vary, your number of contacts may vary. But your ability will increase.

Now I'm going to hit the spell checker (oh no....I see an old thread starting again!).

73 Hank K8DD  
\*/ Hank Kohl K8DD k8dd@arrl.net  
\*/ ARRL TS <http://www.tir.com/~k8dd>  
\*/ MI-QRP - Vice Pres. QRP-ARCI - Director  
\*/ G-QRP ARRL/LM QCWA/LM QCAO/LM

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 23:07:09 -0600  
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>  
To: <k8dd@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55697] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <000e01bf2b39\$77efd5c0\$05987b7b@CSS0048.bergenbrunswick.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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charset="iso-8859-1"  
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It's been years since I've been able to get into a contest. My operating time seems to be limited to just enough time to grab a few minutes of rag chew time than get off and maybe, just maybe come back later for another contact or two. Many many years ago, when I was a novice and only had CW, I did get to participate in some contests. Amazing what they can do for your CW skills! That's what I need now, that after all the years of doing "other things" I'm not sure I'm getting a good solid 15 WPM. I know what I really need to do.

Many many years ago (boy, it's amazing what I did back then!), I was deep into 10-10 activities on 10. Collecting numbers and certificates left and right. I kept track of my collected 10-10 numbers by writing them down (listing) in a notebook. That was tough for dupes - eyeball searching. I dreaded the thought of the eventual task of somehow sorting them in numerical order. Needless to say I never did do it.

It would have been a whole 'nuther story had I had a computer at that time and could have let it do the sorting for me. There is a lot to be said for automation!



Now the computer, among other tasks, copies and decodes PSK31 and Hellschreiber signals. It also is my log. Yea, I still enter the data in by hand from the keyboard.

Copying CW for me? Nope. Ain't gonna do that. I want my ears to do that.

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA        Y2K Complacent  
e-mail to: dandooley@pipeline.com  
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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 23:16:11 -0600  
From: "Matthew Balvanz" <kc0ayg@hotmail.com>  
To: <k0evz@arrl.net>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55698] KC0AYG Fox Log for 11-10-99  
Message-ID: <19991110051916.60328.qmail@hotmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ok everyone here's my log for this evening. Not as long as the last on, but not a disappointment either. Thanks to everyone for hanging in there, my signal wasn't the greatest from the reports I was given. The evening started out really slow and for a while I was worried I wasn't going to find anyone, but the second hour things really picked up!

73,

Matthew KC0AYG Ames, IA

| Time | Call  | SENT | RECD | Name   | SPC | Number |           |
|------|-------|------|------|--------|-----|--------|-----------|
| 0104 | KE0WW | 579  | 579  | Mike   | MN  | 250    | 2nd time! |
| 0203 | W7ILW | 439  | 449  | Howard | AZ  | 2010   |           |
| 0214 | WE6W  | 549  | 449  | Ed     | CA  | 1068   |           |
| 0222 | NQ7X  | 559  | 449  | Floyd  | AZ  | 343    |           |
| 0251 | K8DD  | 569  | 559  | Hank   | MI  | 246    |           |
| 0258 | N4ROA | 559  | 559  | Dan    | VA  | 970    |           |

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 23:19:46 -0600

From: "Matthew Balvanz" <kc0ayg@hotmail.com>  
To: <k0evz@arrl.net>, <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55699] Final revision of KC0AYG fox log 11-8-99  
Message-ID: <19991110052252.30208.qmail@hotmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Should be the last changes. N1TP sent me an email with his location and  
qrp-l number. Thanks Tom!

Time Call RST Name St NR  
0108 KK5X0 559 Dick OK 1225  
0114 VE6EWM 559 Earl YK 1076  
0126 KE0WW 569 Mike MN 250  
0132 KE5TC 539 Roy OK 1057  
0137 AA6IU 449 Dick CA 951  
0141 KI0II 569 Ron CO 928  
0150 KB7MBI 559 Alan WA 1299  
0221 KK5NA 559 Joe TX 86  
0227 AA6R 539 Gary CA 406  
0257 N1TP 559 Tom FL 1317

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 00:29:48 EST  
From: N7YA@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55700] Re: CONTEST: Kinda makes me wonder...Long  
Message-ID: <0.badb0cc0.255a5ccc@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 11/9/99 8:47:18 PM Pacific Standard Time, k8dd@arrl.net  
writes:

<< I'm not sure what estrogen has to do with contesting....Adrenalin,  
maybe, a "natural high", but not estrogen or testosterone.

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hmm, i always thought it was Endorphins....guess not.

73...Adam, N7YA  
QRP-L #1608 Las Vegas, NV  
Low Power DXer

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 21:50:58 -0800  
From: Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>  
To: qrp-1@LeHigh.edu  
Subject: [55701] RE: Verne's Super Antenna  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.19991109215058.007d8c00@fix.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

All the info is located at:

<http://www.superantennas.com>

Enjoy,,,72,,,Jerry...WA6OWR...K

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 23:47:22 -0600  
From: "Lawrence T. Owens" <w4dec@dibbs.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55702] SS Soapbox  
Message-ID: <382906E9.58E2@dibbs.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang:

Great contest with much better manners than it past years. Missed some of you guys that I usually work. Ron Ku7y, never heard a peep out of you. Heard Chuck K7QO on ten meters S&P ing and moved just up the frequency and called Cq without any response. Mary, NA6E expected to hear from you but never did. Missed ND. Doc where were you? Heard NNY QRP station but he was very weak and also S&P.

Exchanged information # Q W4DEC 55 AL  
Hours of operation 21:27

| Band | QSOs | Points |
|------|------|--------|
| 160  | 1    | 2      |
| 80   | 35   | 70     |
| 40   | 50   | 100    |
| 20   | 133  | 266    |
| 15   | 124  | 248    |
| 10   | 69   | 138    |

TOTAL        412                824        X 76 Multipliers = 62,624

I suppose John K1AR thinks I am a complete Klutz. I messed up big time when I worked him. Just couldn't get back to the number space on the computer in time. I put in what I thought was his number but this is one that will probably go in the bit bucket.

Roy, AB7CE heard you on the low end of 10 but you couldn't hear me.

Bill, K4AHK, I probably won't get your plaque this time as I heard a couple of QRP stations in 4 land that was ahead of me by several Qs.

For info: I feel most comfortable at speeds from 25 to 30 WPM. When calling CQ and running stations I usually send between 22 and 24 and will slow down if anyone wants me to.

Used the K2 for all but the 160 meter QSO. It worked great and the filters did a great job. Very little front end overload even from stations only a couple of HZ away.

All of you gentlemen have a great evening and week and thanks to all that I had the pleasure of contacting in the contest.

I have already sent in my LOG.

72 to All,

Larry (W4DEC)

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 21:54:08 PST  
From: "Bruce Prior" <n7rr@hotmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55703] K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance  
Message-ID: <19991110055408.6370.qmail@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

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There are lots of photographs. The antenna chapter is rich with illustrations. The HF propagation chapter appears to be a nice comprehensive review of the subject. I'll start really reading it tomorrow.

Price: \$14.95 plus shipping and/or applicable taxes.

72, Bruce Prior in Blaine, WA -- one of the Mangy Mushers

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 00:30:42 -0600 (CST)  
From: aweiss@usd.edu (Ade Weiss WORSP)  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55704] What eats computer ribbon?  
Message-ID: <199911100630.AAA13110@sunburst.usd.edu>

Hi gang:

A mystery discovered. I've been using two kinds of computer for radials for over two years. While computer ribbon is junk in any feedline or radiator application, it is perfectly OK for ground radials.

Every so often, I'd notice that one (two or three conductor ribbons) had been sliced at a 45-deg angle. I figured it was due to a bend that had been stepped upon or some such logical inference.

BUT not so! Late yesterday, I found two neat slices, so I did the usual burn off the insulation, steel-wool the strands, splice, and tape. This afternoon, I was amazed to find that the two specific ribbons had once again been slice, but, in addition, there were four sliced pieces of the gray kind, and three sliced pieces of the rainbow kind. Ahah! No normal kind of bending and stomping could have done this -- especially since no one had walked in the vicinity in the meantime. So, I

examined the sliced pieces under a magnifying glass, and sure enough, teeth-marks appeared about 1/16" to

1/8" from the actual slice on half of the pieces -- evidence of an initial bite positioning which was abandoned before the real bite sliced off the piece!

Next, question = two options, rabbits and squirrels [sp?]. This fall is atypical -- it still gets up to 75-deg on many days, so no shortage of food.

Any biologists out there with a clue to which would be biting off chunks of my radials!

Geesh, this is getting to be too much! QSB, QRN, "too weak" from R1AND, and now my shrinking radials! How am I going to get to 200 on 30m at this rate? I'll have 45 radials most averaging about 2.6-ft if this keeps up!

HI!

Incidentally, 30m is bad A index = 23. But past week or two 30m has been great. I've heard several QRP'rs working DX! --K4HPP, K5DP latest noted.

72, Ade

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 01:32:23 -0500  
From: "Michael Bower - N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55705] Re: K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance  
Message-ID: <00c801bf2b45\$5a0e7d20\$0100a8c0@dadsmachine>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Numerous people have mentioned that this is "hot off the presses". Unless Richard has come out with a second edition, this is not "hot off the presses". It's been out since early to mid summer.

Don't get me wrong. It's a great book. (Thanks, Richard.) Got me going again in HF.

(Just wanted to help if anyone was confused.)

Michael - N4NMR

----- Original Message -----  
From: Bruce Prior <n7rr@hotmail.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 12:54 AM  
Subject: K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 03:55:36 -0500 (EST)

From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>  
To: Bob Edwards <w4ed@gis.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55706] Re: Useless SS Statistics  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9911100351.A28486-0100000@bc.seflin.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, Bob Edwards wrote:

>  
> And an even higher % next year when N4BP drops down to "Q",,,, :)  
>  
Sorry, probably not. Must maintain my string of 1K Qs. :-)  
But sure was fun to work so many QRPers and list members!

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP ' ' ' ' ( 0 0 ) Plantation, FL  
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E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org  
Web Page: <http://wg104a.wh.uni-stuttgart.de/~n4bp>  
Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 04:01:38 -0500 (EST)  
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>  
To: Bob Edwards <w4ed@gis.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55707] Re: SS Soapbox  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9911100443.D28486-0100000@bc.seflin.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, Bob Edwards wrote:

>  
> You handle the cowboys, point a good antler at Dixie, and send me to VI  
> for the next CW SS. Either St. John or St. Croix would be fine..  
>  
I have a seat reserved at NP2B for the 2000 CW SS. :-)

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP ' ' ' ' ( 0 0 ) Plantation, FL  
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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 00:22:33 -0800  
From: Dan Presley <talljazz@teleport.com>  
To: qrp-l@LeHigh.edu, KA7OZO@pacifier.com  
Subject: [55708] N/T Fox: Talk about fun!  
Message-ID: <v0300780fb44ed89817fb@[216.26.4.39]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well-I thought it was fun last year when I was the fox (and will be in Jan again), but let me tell you all that it was twice the thrill to watch KA7OZO sweat it out tonight for his first ever 'big event'! I did 'persuade' him to do it, so I thought I'd better be on hand for his turn to provide a bit of support. I think he broke the record so far this year for n/t foxes with 23 Q's; he has a nice station-beam at 72 ft, plus a nice Icom 735 that I made him take apart to switch to low power. Despite sweaty palms and transposing a letter here and there, he did great and with a few more sessions he should be on the fast track to upgrade. It's even better after reading the propagation/storm report posted earlier-there was a lot of noise, but he pulled them out. Thanks to all that took the time to track him down and work him, and thanks to Doc K0EVZ for managing this. Please take the opportunity to help these guys in person if you get the chance-you'll get a lot out of it, and so will they. OK Dave-when do we do it again?

Dan Presley-N7CQR-Portland, Or QRP-L #502

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 07:01:01 -0500  
From: Peter\_Simpson@ne.3com.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55709] HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park  
Message-ID: <85256825.0041AC0C.00@usboxmta.ne.3com.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

PBS's "Nova" science show this week is on British codebreaking during WWII. It's well done and a good explanation of what went on. Worth watching if you're interested or know anyone who was involved.

Peter, KA1AXY  
Holliston, MA

(whose mother was never too specific about what she did for the Navy in Washington during the war, but always claimed she could read Teletype tape by eye :-)

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 1999 20:57:06 -0700  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55710] Re: 2 mWatts to a Mobile - 210,000 miles to the watt  
Message-ID: <000201bf2b76\$36ccf400\$5448460f@snp.webaccess.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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Hey Jim,

You're making me feel shameful for running my Bugcatcher and full QRP gallon (5w) in my mobile. I used to think under a watt while /m was really extreme but you've definitely shattered that barrier. Congrates!

Way to go Jim!!

Steve/n0tu

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Hale <kj5tf@yahoo.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Date: Tuesday, November 09, 1999 8:12 AM  
Subject: Re: 2 mWatts to a Mobile - 210,000 miles to the watt

>Way to go Larry! Yep, that mobile op has good ears I'd  
>say. As always I say, give most of the "credit" to  
>nature tho. And congrats also to you for finding that  
>opening. Its a 3 way combo at work here. The wonders

>of it all.  
>  
>Its also amazing what can be done when I'm mW/M  
>myself. All I have is my Hamsticks, and they are  
>around the least efficient mobile antennas you can  
>buy! Hi hi  
>  
>My 49er at 250mW made contacts into VE land with my  
>40M Hamstick when it was new.  
>  
>Anyone who is bored with Ham radio just isnt trying!  
>  
>72/3's de Jim KJ5TF  
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>=====  
>Ham radio/alt energy - <http://www.qsl.net/kj5tf/>  
>Milliwatting Editor ARCI QRP Quarterly  
>Arkansas QRP#2 - 35.95N 93.28W  
>-----  
>Do You Yahoo!?  
>Bid and sell for free at <http://auctions.yahoo.com>  
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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 07:52:04 -0500  
From: "Christopher Cox" <cobox@urec.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55711] Re: XCVR: total power consumption  
Message-ID: <19991110124132890.AAA192@charlie.logan.net@cbx-nt>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just for fun, using the incredibly accurate amp meter on the front of a  
Astron RS-35M (read sarcasim) and a Diamond SX-1000 the FT-847 on 7.130  
pulls:

150 Watts.....18 Amps  
100 Watts.....15 Amps  
50 Watts..... 12 Amps  
25 Watts..... 9 Amps  
3.5 Watts.... 4 Amps

Idle..... About two needles width.

Christopher Cox

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 06:57:17 -0600  
From: "Joel Kluender, NF9K" <nf9k@eudoramail.com>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55712] FOX: MN Fox Tonight/Reminder!  
Message-ID: <KBMLKFOAJACGAAAA@shared1-mail.whowhere.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Language: en  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Language: en  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bloodthirsty hounds,

It's time to start licking your chops! Here's a reminder that I will be the FOX tonight (Wednesday in the USA):

0100-0300 Z / 1900-2100 CST  
7042 Khz +/- for QRM  
OHR-400 @ 4 W into 80M horiz. loop @ 24 ft.  
My exchange will be...  
(your call) RST MN JOEL 1233 (your call) BK

If I am sending too fast for your comfort, and you need a fill at slower speed, please send "QRS" when asking for a fill and I will slow down for you!

I will "surf" with the RIT so you have a chance of bagging my pelt whether you transmit on my frequency or offset a bit. Either way is fine! Do as you wish, just don't transmit when I am. 'Nuf said!

If you start hearing continuously repeated "dits" or "dahs" it probably means I've fallen asleep at the keyer. I've been up since 4 AM this morning to accomodate my daughter who is teething!

A couple of you wished me luck doing the foxhunt with the kids running around. Fear not, for when I bought our house I was fortunate enough to get a 20x24' heated and electrified hamshack (an old feed granary that has been upgraded to a workshop/hamshack). So unless my 3 year old son figures out where Daddy is hiding, we should be OK.

See you all tonight!

Joel NF9K

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Joel Kluender, NF9K  
870 Prairie Street S.  
Shakopee, MN 55379

Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 13:01:10 +0000  
From: Brian Short <bshort@speedchoice.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55713] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park  
Message-ID: <4.1.19991110125956.00deb790@mail.phoenix.speedchoice.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Those interested may also be interested in Echelon

<http://www.accessone.com/~rivero/POLITICS/ECHELON/echelon.html>

>PBS's "Nova" science show this week is on British codebreaking during  
>WWII. It's well done and a good explanation of what went on. Worth  
>watching if you're interested or know anyone who was involved.

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Brian K. Short <http://www.qsl.net/k7on/> <mailto:k7on@arrl.net>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 08:03:36 -0500  
From: "KC1DI" <elbc@pivot.net>  
To: <Peter\_Simpson@ne.3com.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55714] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park  
Message-ID: <003701bf2b7c\$0ecfc620\$7c10a1d0@mine1>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It was on our local PBS outlet last night.. great !

----- Original Message -----

From: <Peter\_Simpson@ne.3com.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 7:01 AM

Subject: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park

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> PBS's "Nova" science show this week is on British codebreaking during  
> WWII. It's well done and a good explanation of what went on. Worth  
> watching if you're interested or know anyone who was involved.  
>  
> Peter, KA1AXY  
> Holliston, MA  
>  
> (whose mother was never too specific about what she did for the Navy  
> in Washington during the war, but always claimed she could read Teletype  
> tape by eye :-)  
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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 08:09:21 -0500

From: "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>

To: jbcumming@wwdc.com

Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [55715] Re: Fred Hammond, VE3HC - SK

Message-ID: <v03102803b44f1b3a403f@[152.15.144.71]>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>I was saddened to hear that Fred Hammond VE3HC has passed away.

That is sad news, Fred will be missed. I was reading an old QST just last night that had a "tour" of Fred's radio museum which houses an amazing collection of gear from 1899 on. He also owned an incredible tube collection which included several of DeForest's experimental audion tubes. The author noted that Fred could flip a switch and light all the filaments in his tube collection. How many folks have even seen an audion, much less one with the filament lit?

If you'd like to take an online tour of his museum, here's the URL.

<http://www.kwarc.on.ca/hammond/museum.html>

I have no idea how many Hammond enclosures and transformers that I have but it is quite a few. One Hammond audio output transformer is in my 1941 Hallicrafters SX-28 and I know several of my QRP projects are in Hammond enclosures.

73 Fred and CUL,

Rick kf4ar

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 07:33:08 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: Dan Presley <talljazz@teleport.com>  
Cc: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55716] Re: N/T Fox: Talk about fun!  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.991110073028.24395C-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I had some time to turn the radio on last night just before 0300Z...so I swung up to where KA7OZO was supposed to be and there he was!....so we "went at it" and I must say he was very patient with me and the two of us completed our contact under poor conditions....so I think he's going to be one fine operator as he certainly has patience!...it was a real thrill to work my first NT+ fox of the season!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272  
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - 128 Durham Drive, Regina, SK.,  
S4S-4Z2, Canada-AR Stamp Collector- "QRP! How sweet it is!"

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 08:38:06 -0500 (EST)  
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>

To: Ray Rocker <rocker@datasync.com>  
Cc: QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55717] Re: [CQ-Contest] Useless SS Statistics  
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9911100806.E26241-0100000@bc.seflin.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, Ray Rocker wrote:

>  
> Same here, Q precedences up quite a bit:  
>  
> N5FG 1996 QSOs: 1002 Prec Q: 108 10.8%  
> K5MDX 1997 QSOs: 1250 Prec Q: 149 11.9%  
> K5MDX 1998 QSOs: 1156 Prec Q: 127 10.5%  
> WQ5L 1999 QSOs: 1091 Prec Q: 153 14.0%  
>  
> -- Ray WQ5L rocker@datasync.com  
>

Hope you don't mind my also CCing your findings to QRP-L. I think the  
guys might find it encouraging after their push to get more QRP activity.

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP ' ' ' ' ( 0 0 ) Plantation, FL  
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E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org  
Web Page: <http://wg104a.wh.uni-stuttgart.de/~n4bp>  
Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 08:35:20 -0500  
From: DNT1@daimlerchrysler.com  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55718] N/T+ FOX: 2200 10 OCT 99 - 0000 11 OCT 99 UTC  
Message-ID: <85256825.004AA62A.00@lngshc02.notes.chrysler.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Disposition: inline

This is to remind you all of KF4YWT's first outing as a Tech + Fox tonight at  
2200 UTC. Look for him around 7.113 MHz +/- QRM or 7.135 MHz +/- QRM if the  
lower freq. is too crowded. Trey will be sending my QRP-L number with /JR  
behind it (partly because he needs practice with J, mostly because my home



Email's still messed up & I can't get him signed up to the list to get his own #) so expect the following:

(callsign) de KF4YWT (RST) AL Trey NR 1670/JR 4w (callsign) KN

This is his first time on the air since the Zombie shuffle so be gentle with him. Although we've been working on his sending for the past week trying to get him up to snuff with the keyer, he's still too uncomfortable with it to use it on the air. He'll be straight key all the way tonight and I expect his technique to improve considerably by the end of the hunt (if he doesn't suffer from serious fatigue!). I'm going to watch over him & help with logging but he'll be in charge as far as sending/receiving is concerned so be prepared to QRS & send repeats. Please send in the following format to help him with knowing what to expect & when to expect it:

KF4YWT de (callsign) ur (RST) (ST/P) (Name) NR(#) (Pwr) BK

Thanks for the help with getting him going again with his cw, I'm sure he's going to love the practice once he gets over the shock of the pile-up! We're looking forward to a great time!

72/73, Don T. AI4CW & Trey KF4YWT  
Toney, AL EM64pw QRP-L#1670

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 05:48:35 -0800  
From: "NA6E" <mcherry@calweb.com>  
To: <w4dec@dibbs.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55719] RE: SS Soapbox  
Message-ID: <NDBBKOCKMLENMENHNPHHEEJPCFAA.mcherry@calweb.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It was a great contest and I was there Larry :) I did hear Chuck, K7Q0 but never did get to qso with him.

Exchanged information # Q NA6E 98 SV\

| BAND  | Raw QS0s | Valid QS0s | Points | Mults |
|-------|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| ----- |          |            |        |       |
| 80CW  | 26       | 26         | 52     | 15    |

|      |    |    |     |    |
|------|----|----|-----|----|
| 40CW | 35 | 35 | 70  | 8  |
| 20CW | 89 | 88 | 176 | 21 |
| 15CW | 33 | 33 | 66  | 8  |
| 10CW | 24 | 24 | 48  | 12 |

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|--------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Totals | 208 | 207 | 414 | 64 |
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Final Score = 26496 points.

The K2 was a lot of fun to use for the contest and it looks like it passed the smoke test.

\*\* 73 \*\*

Mary, NA6E ....Sacramento, CA

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 06:10:22 PST  
 From: "Leon Heller" <leon\_heller@hotmail.com>  
 To: bshort@speedchoice.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
 Subject: [55720] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park  
 Message-ID: <19991110141023.86752.qmail@hotmail.com>  
 Mime-Version: 1.0  
 Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

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 >Those interested may also be interested in Echelon  
 >  
 ><http://www.accessone.com/~rivero/POLITICS/ECHELON/echelon.html>  
 >  
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 >>WWII. It's well done and a good explanation of what went on. Worth  
 >>watching if you're interested or know anyone who was involved.

The Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society, which I joined recently, holds their meetings at Bletchley Park. It's still not properly identified on maps, and isn't well signposted, even though nothing secret has been going on there for years. The reconstructed Colossus machine can be seen working, when the exhibition is open.

73, Leon

Leon Heller, G1HSM  
Tel (work): +44 1327 357824  
Tel (mobile): +44 79 9098 1221  
Email:leon\_heller@hotmail.com  
Web page: <http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Code/1835>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 09:23:22 EST  
From: GElam30092@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55721] [collectables] qrp => WWII versions?  
Message-ID: <0.a33a99f5.255ad9da@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Slightly off topic but I'll see if I can get it there : Got an interesting=20  
note from a friend in Brazil this morning:

"I'm here with my English teacher and he told me that there is a kind of  
street fair which happens every Sunday here in S=E3o Paulo and there are  
lots of Radios from World War I and II in good conditions."

As a budding QRP'er, what should I be on the look out for? Are there any=20  
prized versions/makes/models that I should keep my open for that might be=20  
considered QRP or close enough for friends? Or is it like collecting=20  
art.....buy what you like?!

Thanks!  
Gerry, K1LR0/7  
PHX AZ

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 09:58:03 -0500  
From: "Greg Heath" <gheath1@nycap.rr.com>  
To: "QRP-L (SENDING ? TO QRP-L)" <qrp-1@Lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55722] RE: ANT: Cheap Verticals  
Message-ID: <0cde01bf2b8b\$fe0433c0\$3f991918@nycap.rr.com>

I remember a while back there was an article either in QST, CQ, or one of the QRP Quarterly's about a gentleman who built a phased vertical antenna system out of those aluminum tent poles, the ones that have the bungee inside. He used two and set them up at his campsite. According to the article it supposedly worked great. Maybe someone out there can remember the article..... good luck.  
Greg KB2QQM

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 09:59:31 -0500 (EST)  
From: Joel Malman <malman@world.std.com>  
To: martyw@tn.freei.net  
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55723] Re: ARRL SS CW: K3NY question  
Message-ID: <199911101459.JAA14216@world.std.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

Actually, changing Precedence is not allowed, by my reading of the SS rules. See Rule 4.6 (page 88, Oct 1999 QST). In bold letters:

"4.6 With the exception of the serial number, which changes from QS0 to QSO, the exchange sent must remain consistent during the entire contest."

I suppose you could argue that the use of the word "consistent" means "correct", but I take it to mean "constant".

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/joel K1QM (K1 Queen Mary) Concord, Massachusetts  
QRP-L 337, QRP-ARCI 9305, MI-QRP 1641, NorCal #1884

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 14:53:14 +0000  
From: Tony Fishpool <g4wif@btinternet.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55724] Re: HISTORY: NOVA (PBS) 2 Hr show on Bletchley Park  
Message-ID: <382986DA.691B959D@btinternet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Having seen this series a couple of months back I can heartily endorse Peter's comments. The standard of this program goes some way toward apologising for exporting "Eastenders" to the colonies.

Kind regards  
Tony - G4WIF

Peter\_Simpson@ne.3com.com wrote:

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> in Washington during the war, but always claimed she could read Teletype  
> tape by eye :-)

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 11:44:53 -0500  
From: "Norman A. Jackson" <nvj@megalink.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55725] Hustler Vertical  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.19991110114453.007b12a0@megalink.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Does anyone know of a web site where I can find information on the Hustler Vertical Antenna. I need an owners manual. Thanks.

Norm/K1NAJ

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 10:45:26 -0500  
From: Zack Lau <zlau@arrl.org>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55726] Simplest SS rig?  
Message-ID: <38299316.DD4EBF32@arrl.org>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I used a pair of NN1G's QRP kits (SW-20+ and SW-40+ with no mods)  
to get my CW pin in 2 1/2 hours (46 in one hour without breaks). Anyone

use a simpler rig to get the 100 QSOs? Zack W1VT

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 10:47:08 -0500  
From: Joiner Randy Civ WRALC/LYSBB <Randy.Joiner@robins.af.mil>  
To: "'qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55727] F/S:  
Message-ID: <C9AA15FD0636D211811B0000F8106481028BB09E@FSUHHZ35>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"

For Sale the following:

MFJ 9015 QRP CW Transceiver  
MFJ-726 NARROW CW FILTER  
ORIGINAL BOX, MANUAL  
VERY GOOD CONDITION  
\$115.00

If any takers, please reply offline to rjjoiner@usa.net  
<mailto:rjjoiner@usa.net> . Thanks

Randy N4SX

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 10:58:29 -0500  
From: "Stephen D. Cohen" <scohen@xps.xybion.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, w4dug@onelist.com, sdcohen@gte.net  
Subject: [55728] WestFLA Meeting and Picnic This Saturday, 13 November 1999  
Message-ID: <199911101605.LAA312686@nss4.cc.lehigh.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The next meeting of the Western Florida QRP Club will be held  
this Saturday, the 13th of November 1999 at 10AM. The meeting  
will run until folks have had enough. This will be a special meeting  
as we will be enjoying our annual Picnic with hot dogs and  
hamburgers on the grill.

The WestFLA meetings run using the NorCal model, to wit, no new business, no old business, no business at all! It will simply be a meeting of like minded people to discuss QRP, homebrewing, kit building and the sort. As such, it is vitally important that people have things to discuss. Please bring a current project, special rig, piece of test equipment or some such to demonstrate and describe to your fellow ham.

As usual, coffee and donuts will be provided. For the picnic, we will also be offering hamburgers and hot dogs for your eating pleasure at lunch time. A selection of door prizes will also be awarded, including one of George Dobbs' "six-pack" kits generously donated by Mac Steinmeyer, AF4PS. The six pack is a set of six little handy circuits including a crystal checker, receiver, transmitter and others.

If you've got a treasure sitting in the junk box that you do not expect to use any time soon, why not bring it along for a door prize? If we have too many door prizes in November, we can always save things and give them away in December.

I will also bring a selection of test equipment to the meeting to help folks with alignment and trouble-shooting of their projects. I will have an oscilloscope, a counter and a signal generator with me. Mike Maiorana, KU4QO, will also be there, so there is some hope of actually being able to repair things (bring that 38 Special, Mac, Mike will make it right as rain).

Mike will also be leading us in a project using Manhattan-style construction. We will build an oscillator or some such as a starting point. Mike will provide scraps of PCB and will have his nibbler along to make pads. If you have a nibbler or hole punch that works well for Manhattan-style construction, please bring it along as well so we can compare notes. Either way, you will need to bring a soldering iron and solder to participate in the festivities. A bottle of super-glue will also be helpful, if you can manage one.

In addition to the usual hijinks, I will also be displaying the prototype for the first WestFLA project, based on Jerry Henshaw's work with his zero-beat detector. This is a slightly improved version and it will be fun to see what other people think.

I am also hoping to have my K2 with SSB adapter working at the meeting. It will be fun to work some DX on the TARC tri-band with QRP power.

If you have been thinking about attending a WestFLA meeting,

but they are just a \*little\* further than you would like to travel for a meeting, this is the meeting to attend. It promises to offer a good time for everyone.

"So, Steve", you say, "Enough of the shuck and jive... Where is the place?". An excellent question. The TARC clubhouse is located in Tampa Florida. The directions to the clubhouse are:

Take I-275 North or South to the Sligh Exit. Once on Sligh, go east to 22nd Street. Turn left on 22nd Street and go the the very end. Once you are at the end of the street, the clubhouse is on your right next to the ball field. It will be obvious from the tower and antennas.

From north of Tampa, take route 75 south to 275 then follow the above directions.

From south of Tampa, take route 75 north until you get to route 4 west which runs into route 275. You have a choice at 275, and you want to go north on 275 from route 4 and follow the above directions.

From the east, take route 4 west until you run into 275 then take 275 north from there and follow the above directions.

There will be a talk-in on the 147.105(+) N4TP repeater. Just give us a holler if you get lost.

These directions are also available on the TARC web page at <http://www.qsl.net/w4dug/way.htm> which is also linked from the WestFLA web page at <http://www.qsl.net/westfla>.

Questions should be forwarded to [westfla@qsl.net](mailto:westfla@qsl.net).

73,

Steve, N30IE

P.S. If anyone can spare a couple dozen mix six torroids in a reasonable size, we may be able to do VFOs this Saturday. Bring them along if you have them.

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Steve Cohen, N30IE



3168 Sandy Ridge Drive  
Clearwater, FLA 33761

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 11:02:17 -0500  
From: D Bullard <dbullard@negia.net>  
To: aweiss@usd.edu  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55729] Re: What eats computer ribbon?  
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19991110110217.00a74d10@pop.negia.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

The squirrels were definitely the guilty party that chewed away the insulation on the coax going to my dipole. At a recent hamfest I discussed this with the Wireman and he said he was working on something to repel squirrels. I'm not sure exactly what he had in mind but if he succeeds he will be a millionaire.

Maybe I need to supplement the bird feed (that the squirrels steal) with some kind of vitamins or minerals :)

72,

Don WA4IML  
Athens GA

At 12:30 AM 11/10/99 -0600, you wrote:

>Hi gang:

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<SNIP>

>Any biologists out there with a clue to which would be biting off chunks of my radials!

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>Geesh, this is getting to be too much! QSB, QRN, "too weak" from R1AND, and now my shrinking radials! How am I going to get to 200 on 30m at this rate? I'll have 45 radials most averaging about 2.6-ft if this keeps up!

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>HI!

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>Incidentally, 30m is bad A index = 23. But past week or two 30m has been great. I've heard several QRP'rs working DX! --K4HPP, K5DP latest noted.

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>72, Ade

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:22:13 +0100  
From: DL2FI@t-online.de (Peter Zenker)  
To: "QRP-L via PoP3" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55730] Epiphyte  
Message-ID: <002e01bf2b97\$bf4e50a0\$e8669fc1@zenkerpn>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A request for a friend of mine:  
My friend is seeking a simple to build SSB QRP txvr. I own a board of  
Epiphyte II, but somewhere in my mind I remember, there was an Epiphyte III  
???

Is that correct? If so, where can I get information on this? is there a WEB  
Page?

Thanks for your help

Peter, DL2FI

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 09:51:38 -0800  
From: Dave Barrett <DBarrett@creo.com>  
To: "'DL2FI@t-online.de'" <DL2FI@t-online.de>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55731] RE: Epiphyte  
Message-ID: <BFEEFC3386986D2119C0800A0C99B5DE6E969C2@msgcreo3.creo.bc.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"

Hi Peter

There is indeed an Epiphyte III, unfortunately it's not ready for mass  
market yet. At last conversation with Derry (VE7QK) he told me it'd be out  
real soon, he has all the work done it's just tidying up stuff that's left to  
do on the PCB. Please be patient and it'll be out soon, look for an  
announcement via NorCal.

Dave VE7PCC Vancouver BC Canada

-----Original Message-----

From: DL2FI@t-online.de [mailto:DL2FI@t-online.de]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 November, 1999 8:22 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Epiphyte

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Peter, DL2FI

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 10:52:09 MST

From: "Jerry McCollom W0MC" <w0mc@hotmail.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [55732] FS: Yaesu FT 757GXII + FP700 20amp PS

Message-ID: <19991110175209.33568.qmail@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I'll post here before going to the 4-letter auction place :-)

For Sale: YAESU FT 757GXII multimode HF Transceiver + matching PS/Spkr

Variable output from 1 - 100W. Covers all bands including WARC, receives 500Khz through 30 Mhz. CW/SSB/AM/FM, noise blanker, notch filter, narrow and wide filters for CW, built-in keyer. Includes mobile mic, operating manual, service manuals. The front panel is like new (replaced last year w/ new one from Yaesu), some paint scratches on sides have been touched up.

Power supply is the FP757HD heavy duty 20amp power supply w/ speaker that matches the 757GXII. Front panel has also been replaced so it looks new from the front (also has some scratches & dings on the side that have been touched up).

Entire station for \$450 + shipping from Fort Collins, CO.

73,  
Jerry  
WOMC

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Get Your Private, Free Email at <http://www.hotmail.com>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 14:15:07 +0000  
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55733] Re: What eats computer ribbon?  
Message-ID: <199911101855.NAA00447@moose.ncia.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> The squirrels were definitely the guilty party that chewed away the  
> insulation on the coax going to my dipole. At a recent hamfest I discussed

Lots of critters like to chew on plastic. Porkiepins love tires, fan  
belts and brake lines. I know the phone line going to the ranger  
station in the ADK's of NY had to be armmer shielded to keep the  
porkies from chewing through the cable.

I don't know what you'd do to perfect the coax, but for the radials,  
bare coppe wire would be the obvious solution there. Or put that  
sling shot to good use :-)

72,  
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire  
"melt solder"

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 18:59:07 -0000  
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>  
To: <dbullard@negia.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55734] Re: What eats computer ribbon?  
Message-ID: <008301bf2bad\$bdb8ba80\$c542b3c7@sorrells>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well Don, personally, I feed them lead. Reduced my squirrel population dramatically.  
de Steve, W8SFF

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 20:17:52 +0100  
From: DL2FI@t-online.de (Peter Zenker)  
To: <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55735] RE: What eats computer ribbon?  
Message-ID: <004601bf2bb0\$48df5ea0\$e8669fc1@zenkerpn>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Steve,  
Overhere in Germany we know the "Green Stone eater" living 10 feet below the ground, having green skin and yellow eyes, eating stones all the day and night and has been seen only by virgins at midnight yet.

Is the topic of this discussion something else?

Peter

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of  
> Steven Weber  
> Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 3:15 PM  
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
> Subject: Re: What eats computer ribbon?  
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> 72,  
> Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire  
> "melt solder"  
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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 14:34:22 -0800  
From: Robert P Engelman <rengelwb8uoj@juno.com>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55736] ANT:  
Message-ID: <19991110.150102.-26223.0.rengelwb8uoj@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey gang !

I want to thank all those who replied to my portable antenna query. I got alot of responses, all with good info and stuff to try out. I just put together a St. Louis vertical made from some 300 ohm TV line, fastened a 10' length of 1" PVC to a 14' 2x4 and fastened it to one of our back porch posts (temporarily). I got it put together and up in less than an hour total assembly time. I want to try it out before I go on the holiday trip to WV, so the "mast" is temporary. I figure that I can get it 20' into a nearby tree when we get to the house. If it seems to work well here and down in WV, I may add the 20' telescoping fishing pole to the X-mas list. I'm sure that request will raise a few eyebrows around the family like "wha do you need with a 20' feeshin pole, thar ain't no feesh thet beeg in these here parts !" . Oh well, oughtta get a laugh or two. Don't think I've got enough time to get the vertical on the air before I have to go to work, but I'm reasonably sure I'll get one rig or the other on 40 m when I get in (abt 530 UTC / 1230 EST). Should be around 7040 / + or so if there's any insomniacs out there.

Once again thanks for all the ideas, if I get bored this winter, I may try as many of them as I can get away with to see which works out the best for a full time home antenna as well as a good portable antenna.

72,

Bob WB8UOJ / AA  
Grafton, OH

e-mail rengelwb8uoj@juno.com

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 15:16:09 -0500  
From: "Al Gritzmacher " <ae2t@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55737] Re: CONTEST: Almost a SWEEP --> Keyboards  
Message-ID: <199911102007.PAA19665@mx.localnet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

On 9 Nov 99, at 4:20, J. Ervin Bates wrote:

> My hat's off to Bill and the rest of you who are "purists". I am working  
> hard to learn the code at 13wpm (testing this weekend) and it's a bit sad  
> that I'll need a computer to decipher a good portion of the testers out  
> there, due to their penchant for using a keyboard to operate in said  
> contest.

>  
First of all, NOONE is using a computer to decipher code under contest  
conditions, at least not competitively.

Having a computer SEND the code should make it easier for you to  
copy. It always sends perfect code, never sends wrong, and only sends  
what is needed. If they are sending at 30 WPM - they can copy at 30  
WPM - in their head.

> Even some of my friends, who have encouraged me to work at my speed are  
> using them! What a shame. I thought this was supposed to be a Hobby  
> where technical excellence surpassed our laziness.  
>

It's not a case of laziness at all. It's a case of accuracy and efficiency  
during a contest, which is a test of endurance as much as skill or  
"Technical excellence." While the computer is sending the exchange,  
which by the way is the same exchange that is sent every other QSO in  
the contest, the operator has a little time to do the things he needs to  
get done to be ready for the next QSO.

> Sorry if I stepped on toes, but this is a sore subject for me. If I can  
> get good at sending/receiving at 30wpm, so be it.....but it will NOT be  
> with the aid of a computer-bank on it.  
>

You're probably not stepping on any toes because you've completely  
misunderstood the reasons for using a keyboard/computer to send CW

in a contest. IF you CAN send and receive 30 WPM during a contest, even after 20+ hours without a break or sleep, then bless you. But if you can't and I hear you send a different callsign everytime you send it and can't get through the exchange without muffing it, how can I work you and log you correctly?

You can be a hero and send every dit by hand, but it doesn't get you any extra points. In fact, it probably will cost you some because of mistakes.

Contesting uses a lot of skills besides sending CW.

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The amazing thing about QRP is not how many contacts are made, but that they are made at all. Every QSO is a contradiction of conventional wisdom.

72,

Al Gritzmacher, AE2T

QRP-L #1664 QRP-ARCI #9837 K2 #274

ae2t@arrl.net

<http://members.localnet.com/~ae2t/>

QRP - If you don't try, you'll never know!

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 13:26:03 -0800 (PST)  
From: Jim NOUR <n0ur@yahoo.com>  
To: QRP-L QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55738] CONTEST: SS NOUR  
Message-ID: <19991110212603.7420.rocketmail@web220.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Band QSOs

80 92

40 208

20 151

15 158

10 83

Total 692 X 77 Mults = 106,568

Missed ND again!!! and VI, like everyone else.

I used two radios, which was a huge advantage. If you heard a CQ SS go flying past your freq. it was me tuning the wrong radio again.

I don't understand why the ARRL does not consider



putting a 2 radio station into a separate category. I consider a second radio to big a bigger advantage than a packet assisted in the Unlimited category. After using 2 radio myself I realized what a whole new ball game, S/P and CQ at the same time, I felt guilty.

I plan on playing on SSB SS so hope to hear a voice to some of your calls.

72's

Jim N0UR

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Do You Yahoo!?  
Bid and sell for free at <http://auctions.yahoo.com>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 16:18:47 -0500  
From: "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>  
To: DNT1@daimlerchrysler.com  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55739] Re: N/T+ FOX: 2200 10 OCT 99 - 0000 11 OCT 99 UTC  
Message-ID: <v03102801b44f90ae0405@[152.15.144.71]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>He'll be straight key all the way tonight

This is a great opportunity for all of us to drag out the hand keys tonight. I'll hook up my old WW2 British key and try to nab the furry fellow.

72,

Rick kf4ar

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 13:17:58 -0800

From: Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55740] ANT:Will this work?  
Message-ID: <3829E106.B497BCA@psnw.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Friends,

I'm going to show my ignorance here but my quest for knowledge outweighs my embarrassment.

For backpacking, I use an end-fed, half-wave wire and quarter wave counterpoise. The antenna is always vertical, never a sloper or inverted "L". While it works quite well I have to wonder what would happen if I added a second half-wave wire to the far end via a phase reversal stub. Would this end up being an end fed, two-half-waves-in-phase vertical? H-m-m-m.

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Bill Jones - KD7S <><  
Sanger, California  
<http://www.psnw.com/~kd7s>  
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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 15:23:55 -0600  
From: mjfitz@uswest.net  
To: QRP-L Posts <qrp-l@LEHIGH.EDU>  
Subject: [55741] HB:VHF/UHF Regens  
Message-ID: <3829E26B.9323DB09@uswest.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Builders/brewers,

Got this from Chuck Kitchin today...Mike NOMF

Hi Mike. I wondered if you would be willing to post the message below on the QRP-L website. I hope that this does not sound too much like a commercial. But,

as Comm Quarterly is a fairly low circulation magazine (6k),  
I just wanted to  
get the word out to any potential VHF homebrewers. Thanks  
very much DE N1TEV.

I am publishing a very in-depth super regeneration article in  
the Winter 2000  
issue (the next issue) of Communications Quarterly magazine  
(CQ publications  
516-681-2922). This article shows some new easy to build,  
VHF/UHF circuits.  
These are sensitive and selective and will detect narrow  
band FM, AM, and  
wideband FM . FAR circuits has produced a low cost PC board  
for use with the  
circuits shown in this article. It also features what I  
believe is the first  
simple and practical squelch circuit for the super  
regenerator. Finally, a  
simple and practical method for receiving stations in the  
440 to 917MHz range is  
also provided. Charles Kitchin, N1TEV"

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 16:56:17 EST  
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55742] PROJECTS?  
Message-ID: <0.17b57724.255b4401@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Found a site that has a wide variety of projects including 100kc Crystal  
oscillator, 12V gell cell charger, 10 amp power supply, variable bandwidth cw  
filter and more and they are downloadable in PDF format. Thought I'd pass  
this along for inquiring minds.

<http://www.rason.org/Projects/projects.htm>  
Alan KB7MBI

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 16:15:46 -0600  
From: "George Edwards" <gedwards@onramp.net>  
To: <nvj@megalink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [55743] Re: Hustler Vertical  
Message-ID: <005301bf2bc9\$25829940\$a02efea9@computer1>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Does anyone know of a web site where I can find information on the Hustler  
> Vertical Antenna. I need an owners manual. Thanks.  
>  
> Norm/K1NAJ

Norm....the company name is New-Tronics...here is their web  
site...73/K5VUU/George (Ed when hunting foxii)  
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> <http://www.new-tronics.com/>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 15:15:57 -0700  
From: Larry East <w1hue@amsat.org>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55744] QRP-L Web Site?  
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19991110151557.007be550@ida.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Is the QRP-L Web site no more? I can't seem to find it ... following links  
from other web sites to the QRP-L site gets me to the ARCI site indtead!  
What's going on here?!?

Please answer direct.

72, Larry W1HUE/5

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:26:26 -0500 (EST)  
From: James Skalski <jskalski@localnet.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [55745] HELP: argosy schematic  
Message-ID:  
<Pine.LNX.4.20.9911101723470.1619-1000000@valhalla.valhalla.buffalo.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I need a schematic for the receive section of an Argosy II  
If it is possible to email a scanned image that would be great.

73,

Jim n2go

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:40:03 -0500  
From: Rick Tinsley <ad4sm@bbtel.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55746] Fox Rules  
Message-ID: <3829F443.BD1A846F@bbtel.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I know it was just repeated a week or so ago...but could someone send me the URL where the Fox Hunt rules are posted. I left my hard-copy at work and I thought I might give it a stab tonight if all goes well.  
Tally-Ho!

Rick -- AD4SM

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 14:45:44 -0800  
From: "jmb" <jmb@cruzio.com>  
To: "QRP-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [55747] Re: QRP-L Web Site?  
Message-ID: <044701bf2bcd\$532336d0\$2489e3a5@workstation>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This question's been asked several times in the past couple weeks here and no reply has come back that I'm aware of.

If anyone does know what the story is on the qrp-l website, please post the information here - I think we'd all like to know what's going on.

tnx

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73 de K6JMB  
Jim Boyle  
Santa Cruz, California  
FISTS #6537 QRP-1 #1845

----- Original Message -----

From: Larry East <w1hue@amsat.org>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 2:15 PM  
Subject: QRP-L Web Site?

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:47:21 EST  
From: Dennisskea@aol.com  
To: bowerm@ix.netcom.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [55748] Re: K7SZ's new QRP book -- a quick glance  
Message-ID: <0.6a8986b1.255b4ff9@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

To All,

I got the book when it first cam out in mid summer. Since then I've bought a used EMTECH 40, am working on building a Wilderness SST 40 mtr novice, and got the SW40+kit with the Elmer101 book. I'm sold on QRP, and the book had a lot to do with it. I even acquired a used Radio Shack DSP, after reading about one in the book.

Buy it, you'll like it!  
Usual disclamer....not affiliated, etc.

72 Dennis kc2ccz

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 18:02:03 -0500  
From: "Dennis Payton" <dpayton@fwi.com>  
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55749] A Core Question  
Message-ID: <001601bf2bcf\$9b223c40\$9aa854d1@locke>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just read something on the Elecraft reflector that reminded me of a question I've had for some time:

When winding cores with sharp corners that want to scrape the enamel off the wire, what are the consequences of just ignoring it (letting bare wire touch the core), as long as the wire doesn't short against itself? That's usually what I do and I haven't noticed any problems.

Thanks,

Denny Payton, N9JXY  
Auburn, IN

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 18:04:31 -0800  
From: "Mark Paley" <mpaley@wcnet.org>  
To: "Elecraft Reflector" <elecraft@qth.net>  
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55750] another virus...  
Message-ID: <000301bf2be9\$21ab1de0\$4cab85cd@mpaley>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just read of the Bubbleboy virus and how the Microsoft Outlook Express is particularly susceptible to it--of course I use Outlook Express. Does anyone have a website other than Microsoft where one can download a fix for this virus? The insidious thing about the Bubbleboy is that you don't have to open the email that contains it for it to be activated. Apparently all that has to happen is for the cursor to be on it.

Thanks,  
Mark Paley--KF8KL--

K2 #250  
mpaley@wcnet.org  
<http://www.wcnet.org/~mpaley>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 16:08:39 +0000  
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>  
To: mpaley@wcnet.org  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55751] Re: another virus...  
Message-ID: <38299886.31F9E9AC@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Try <http://www.mcafee.com> for a bubbleboy fix.

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73, de Roger, N7KT  
qrp-l #62, NorCal #1099, Zombie #006  
Mesa, AZ 85202

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:32:37 -0600  
From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>  
To: mpaley@wcnet.org, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55752] Re: another virus...  
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.19991110173237.007b09e0@bosshog.globeco.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Mark et al,

The fix to BubbleBoy is a patch that you get from Microsoft.

This web site is one place to get info and a link...

<http://www.wfaa.com/wfaa/articledisplay/1,1014,3778,00.html>

Chuck Carpenter, EM22cv, Point, Rains County, Texas

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 17:41:26 -0600



From: "Bill Johnson" <b1ljohn@msn.com>  
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55753] WTB: Norcal Paddle  
Message-ID: <000801bf2bd5\$1aa7dba0\$3f3a0b3f@bill>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone have a Norcal paddle they would like to sell. It can be either style, built or unbuilt.

72,

Bill  
K9YEQ  
b1ljohn@msn.com  
MNQRP Club  
K-2 (FT #35), 38S, LDG QRP Auto tuner

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 18:45:50 -0500  
From: Rick Tinsley <ad4sm@bbtel.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55754] Fox Rules Regained!  
Message-ID: <382A03AE.B9E2565D@bbtel.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I found the URL again, thanks. Can anyone tell me who to contact to change the e-mail address associated with my QRP-L number. It's been inaccurate for about 4 years. I've been working to get my code speed back up from 3 WPM --- figured I'd dust off all the old OHR Sprints that I've been neglecting.

Thanks and 73,  
Rick -- AD4SM

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Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 10:53:11 +1100  
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [55755] QRP in the Ghz region  
Message-ID: <382A0567.88EFF85D@integritynet.com.au>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

On a totally unrelated matter (I'm buying a CRO) a fellow VK'er signed his email:

"Alan P. Devlin" wrote:

> Alan - VK3XPD  
> Melbourne, Australia  
>  
> Active on 144, 432, 1296, 2403, 3456, 5760 & 10368 Mhz.  
> Coming soon - 24 Ghz & EME on 10 Ghz, 5 Ghz & 1296 Mhz.

I'll have to ask Alan - he's gotta be QRP up there.

72/73's

Ian Purdie Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia - Co-ords 33o:14':00" S 151o:34':00" E  
VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate" QRP-L member #1978.  
URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/> URL - <http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

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Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 16:54:36 +0000  
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>  
To: Mark Paley <mpaley@wcnet.org>  
Cc: Elecraft Reflector <elecraft@qth.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [55756] Re: [Elecraft] another virus...  
Message-ID: <3829A34C.F1ACA689@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Another source for a free patch is <http://www.nai.com>.

According to the article I read today, you can also enable Microsoft's  
highest-security filter and it will block e-mails with the virus.

This thing apparently doesn't do any real nasties, but it is  
self-propagating, and goes out with e-mails originated in Outlook

Express.

So far, Netscape users are safe.....I think.

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73, de Roger, N7KT

qrp-l #62, NorCal #1099, Zombie #006

Mesa, AZ 85202

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